

Shirley Tanner
New ACBL Club Masters

Shirley has always been an active individual. Shirley was a high school teacher for 30 years and after retirement became a certified tennis teacher for another 15 years. She played party bridge with college friends but never took the game seriously. In the summer of 2013 Shirley lost my best friend, her husband of 53 years. She found herself with many empty hours. Shirley's physical activity was beginning to take a toll on her body, so she needed to look for a way to enhance her mental status.

While on a visit from Puerto Rico her sister Pat, an excellent bridge player, took Shirley to a Regional Tournament in SLC. It was one of the most terrifying experiences of her life, especially when our opponent yelled "Director" and she had no idea what she had done wrong. That was the beginning of a wonderful life of bridge that not only challenges mher mind, but opened a door to terrific new friends.

Shirley gives a lot of credit to her great teachers, Evelyn at the Mt. Olympus Senior Center and Judy and Rod at the Bridge Club. They have been instrumental in helping her understand the many new rules and conventions and encouraging her to push herself to a higher level. Calleen and Thelma at Mt Olympus Monday and Friday games have been wonderful support in helping Shirley find partners and always making her feel special and welcome. Shirley couldn't have done it without all of these selfless mentors.